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Apr. 3, 1939 (Monday)

Left Washington, D.C. 3 a.m.  
for New Orleans en route to  
Baton Rouge to attend meeting  
of American Society of  
Mammalogists. Accompanied  
by Stanley P. Young.

Apr. 4 (Tue.).

Arrived New Orleans, 7:45 a.m.  
Met by Roy Moore, Regional  
Director. After breakfast went to  
Moore's office and he later  
took us by auto to Baton Rouge  
where we arrived about noon.  
After lunch we attended meeting.

Apr. 5 (Wed.).

I delivered paper on  
Original Descriptions of Mammals  
that brought out some  
discrepancy and a suggestion that

it should be published was  
made by Dr. Kenneth Doutt,

Apr. 6 (Thurs.)

At meeting, at final business  
meeting a resolution passed aimed  
at use of poison by Federal and  
other organizations was modified  
to leave of "Federal" but may  
still have the effect of renewing  
the old campaign against the  
use of poison. It was presented  
as a minority report by Dr.  
E. Raymond Bell which was  
evidently the moving spirit  
in its origin.

Apr. 7 (Fri.)

Left Baton Rouge 8 a.m.  
with Stanley P. Young by  
auto driven by Game  
Management Agent Moroska.

Drove to Avery Island where we were luncheon guests of Dr. A. McIlhenny. At Avery Island many herons, mainly snowy egrets and Louisiana herons were nesting. Left from Avery Island to New Orleans in afternoon arriving about 6 P.M. Met Mr. & Mrs. Howell at railroad station and we took the train for Pensacola, Fla., at 10.15 P.M.

Apr. 8 (Sat.)

Arrived Pensacola, Fla., 6 A.M. Were met by Mr. Weston who took us to his home for breakfast and later to Flora Rica Fla., a distance of about 35 miles,

Arrived Florova about  
10 A.M.

After an early lunch,  
Howell and I, accompanied  
by Weston, crossed by boat  
to Santa Rosa  
Island, separated from the  
mainland by a sound  
about  $3\frac{1}{4}$  of a mile wide.

Scalopus. Rather heavy  
rain the night before had  
wet the white sand and  
nearly obliterated most of  
the surface indications  
of mole runways, but  
we found a few that were  
fresh. 19 traps, mainly  
that were set out of  
the lot were the Little Brown.  
The moles favor the  
sand dunes, where there

is a scanty growth of vegetation along borders of the marshy flats that occur here and there, but are rather generally distributed. The runways extend in places, for 25 or 30 yards on the surface, disappearing perhaps to reappear a few yards farther on. In one place a freshly elevated surface runway branched from an older one. In some places very short breaks in the surface mark points where the mole came up from a tunnel at a deeper level. In walking over the sand one frequently breaks through into tunnels of

which there is no trace  
on the surface. There seems  
to be evidence that the  
moles push through the  
sand at the deeper levels  
without leaving any  
surface indications.

Apr. 9 (Sun).

At Florosa Fla.

Traps yielded 3 moles.  
Jacobson's wife came in  
last night. He and Dr. Pearson  
rode across with me to visit  
traps and left in afternoon for  
St. Marks Refuge.

Apr. 10 (Mon.)

At Florosa, Fla.

No moles, but took several  
Sigmodonts.

Apr. 11 (Tue) at Florosa  
No moles, One *Scapanodon*  
taken by Mr. Bowell.

Apr. 12 (Wed) at Florosa  
No moles. Rained last  
night and nearly all the traps  
were moved or reset in  
favorable looking places.

Apr. 13 Thurs  
at Florosa.

Took 2 moles and took up  
all of our traps without  
losing any.

Left Florosa by bus 3:45  
P.M. arrived Panama City  
about 7 P.M.

Left Panama City about  
7:15 P.M.; arrived Okahumpka  
Fla, 10. P.M. eastern Standard time

Apr. 14 (Fri.)

Out to St. Vincent Island,  
Arriving 5:30 PM.  
Mallard band No 711510-  
39 - killed about end of open  
season, F. G. Sharit, 8/16  
13 st. Apalachicola.

Apr. 15 (Sat.)

Set out all traps on St.  
Vincent Is.

Apr. 16 (Sun.)

Took up traps on St. Vincent,  
~~biggest~~ <sup>biggest</sup> the young one,  
of ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> ~~biggest~~ <sup>biggest</sup> 12 lb. in  
it, <sup>it</sup> was caught no. 8 and  
no. 10  
biggest, <sup>biggest</sup> 12 lb. in north  
area.

St. Vincent Is. contains  
11000 acres. Partly covered  
with virgin & stand of pine  
Forest, oak

6.30 PM.  
Returned to Apalachicola  
and took train for Savannah  
in evening at 8 PM.

Apr. 17 (Mon)

At Savannah,  
arrived Savannah 8:15 A.M.  
Left about 11 A.M. by A.H.  
Leaster. Drove out to Refuge  
and prepared to leave for  
Blackbeard Is.

Apr. 18 Tue.

Savannah River Refuge to  
Blackbeard Isl.

Left Savannah Refuge  
about 8 A.M. and arrived  
Blackbeard Island about  
noon, east trip about 15 miles.

Trip over island - Captain  
of Clarence S. Barnes  
+ man in charge,  
Leaster and Barnes returned in  
evening in boat.

Went out with of a Roche, who  
is in charge of improvements  
on boat still does  
not have a boat.

Blackbeard. Apr. 19 Sat with Captain  
of Clarence S. Barnes in  
boat and was up.

As a result, children are limited to  
the kind of work they will  
be allowed to do. They will  
not be allowed to do what  
they want to do. They will  
not be allowed to do what  
they need to do. They will  
not be allowed to do what  
they are interested in.  
This is a very frustrating  
situation.

June 12, 1910  
of the growing French, up to

my scientific name is ~~Sur~~ out by deer  
whose water is the flow. This part  
of the land to become too thick  
to prevent ducks from it's  
water surface.

Similar; One photog, defoliated  
but not very heavily. However,

3 of the - ~~Rock~~ - has to be  
done in the same way.

Two days ago - now  
by day. Some after.

Now - ~~Rock~~ - common or  
higher ground over island.

Apr 19

This morning. Watched a pair  
copulating - contact apparently  
complete for half an hour.

seemed to be ruled when  
female laid back her ears  
and turned snarling at the  
male.

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1 Deer ♂ - 1550 - 272 - 415 Apr. 21<sup>st</sup>  
2 " " ♀ - 1430 - 227 - 388 <sup>22</sup> fawn  
3 " " ♀ - 1500 - 230 - 388 fawn  
4 " " ♀ - 1458 - 228 - 392 sickly ♀

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Apr. 19 (Wed.) Blackhead  
Spent day mainly in  
exploring Island and taking  
photos.

Apr. 20 (Thurs)  
1 Blackhead Id.  
Spent day hunting deer,  
killed 3 in evening.

Apr. 21 (Fri)

Blackbeard Id.

Spent most of day getting in deer, skinning and preparing specimens. One additional specimen killed making the total ~~completing~~ number permitted.

Apr. 22 (Sat)

Blackbeard Island to Savannah  
& left 10.15 PM.  
Arrived 5 AM, arrived Savannah  
about 5.30 PM.

Deer on Blackbeard.

Fine oats (very large)

Saw Palmetto (very abundant)

Cabbage Palm

Sweet Gum

Hickory (not much)

Pine (Loblolly leaf slash)

Yucca (2 sp.)

On Blackford.

Amer. Egret.

Great Blue Heron

Chalco (supposed but most likely  
orange)

Willet

Wild Turkey - Said to be  
numerous on Tapalo - reported  
on Black. I but rare.

Godwit

Sp. Scamp

Blue-winged Teal

Fr. Heron.

Boat-tailed Grackle

Verdins

Juniper

Left Blackford Rd. 1:40 PM.

Tern - all white - except black-  
cap - fishing 2 zones.

Gull - Sea. Black-headed - dark  
feathers in tail as seen  
swimming.

Gull - Large white, must look  
in wings.

Swallow - 5 winds.

Great Blue Heron - clear

Arrived Sherman Bluff about  
4 PM, and continued about

70 miles to Savannah reaching  
the refuge about 5:45 P.M.  
Met A. A. Carter and had dinner  
with him and Miss. Margaret  
Kline. Left Savannah at  
10:15 P.M.

Apr 23 (Sun)  
Reached Washington 10:35  
A.M.

## Excavations in May



